



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Los Angeles Region



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**WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPOSED MAINTENANCE
CLEARING OF ENGINEERED EARTH-BOTTOM FLOOD CONTROL CHANNELS
PROJECT, VARIOUS WATERSHEDS WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY
(File No. 99-011 2009 RENEWAL)**

Dear Mr. Lee:

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) staff has reviewed your request on behalf of Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (County) for a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification (Certification) for the above-referenced project.

The Regional Board first issued the County the subject Certification, File No. 99-011, in 1999. The Certification was renewed on October 17, 2003 and amended in September 2006. The amended Certification allowed for maintenance clearing activities in more than one hundred soft-bottom channel reaches within the County of Los Angeles. The Certification, which expired on March 15, 2007, was extended by this Regional Board by letter on September 10, 2007 until March 15, 2008, and extended by this Regional Board again on August 29, 2008 until January 31, 2009.

We received your March 14, 2007 permit application package with attachments requesting renewal and amendment of the Certification. The County has requested to renew and further amend the Certification to include additional channel reaches and modify current Maintenance Plans. These activities will be regulated under Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR).

A tentative WDR was released for public comment on October 13, 2009. Written comments were accepted until 5:00 p.m. on November 12, 2009. This WDR was adopted by the Regional Board, at the December 10, 2009 public hearing.

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The County shall be liable civilly for any violations of this WDR in accordance with the California Water Code. This WDR does not eliminate the County's responsibility to comply with any other applicable laws, requirements and/or permits.

Should you have questions concerning this WDR, please contact Valerie Carrillo, Lead, Section 401 Program, at (213) 576-6759.

Sincerely,

Tracy J. Egoscue
Executive Officer

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